

**609.684 ABUSE OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES.**

Subdivision 1. **Toxic substances.** For purposes of this section, "toxic substance" means:

(1) glue, cement, or aerosol paint containing toluene, benzene, xylene, amyl nitrate, butyl nitrate, nitrous oxide, or containing other aromatic hydrocarbon solvents, but does not include glue, cement, or paint contained in a packaged kit for the construction of a model automobile, airplane, or similar item;

(2) butane or a butane lighter; or

(3) any similar substance declared to be toxic to the central nervous system and to have a potential for abuse, by a rule adopted by the commissioner of health under chapter 14.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1997 c 239 art 3 s 25]

Subd. 3. **Use for intoxication prohibited.** A person is guilty of a misdemeanor who uses or possesses any toxic substance with the intent of inducing intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system, except under the direction and supervision of a medical doctor. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor who intentionally aids another in violation of this subdivision.

Subd. 4. **Notice required.** (a) A business establishment that offers for sale at retail any toxic substance must display a conspicuous sign that contains the following, or substantially similar, language:

"NOTICE

It is a misdemeanor for a person to use or possess glue, cement, aerosol paint, with the intent of inducing intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system. This use can be harmful or fatal."

(b) A business establishment may omit from the required notice references to any toxic substance that is not offered for sale by that business establishment.

(c) A business establishment that does not sell any toxic substance listed in subdivision 1 other than butane or butane lighters is not required to post a notice under paragraph (a).

**History:** 1992 c 485 s 2; 1997 c 239 art 3 s 18